

# The Bethel News.

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## DIRECTORY.

We are pleased to publish the following directory for the benefit of our citizens and visitors, and to insure correctness the News should be promptly notified when changes occur.

### TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.—S. B. Twitchell, C. E. Barker, West, F. J. Russell, Clerk, L. T. Barker, Treasurer, W. W. Hastings, Superintendent of Schools, E. C. Bowler, School Committee, Miss Jane Gibson, O. E. Valentine, Z. W. Bartlett, Zet, Town Agent, A. E. Herrick, Collector, H. H. Bean, Auditor, Calvin Bisbee.

### MAIL SERVICE.

MAILS CLOSE.  
Going East, 8:40 a. m., 3:15 p. m.  
Closed mail for Portland and Boston, 8 p. m.  
MAILS ARRIVE.  
From East, 10:50 a. m., 4:50 p. m.  
From West, 9:15 a. m., 3:45 p. m.

### CHURCHES.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL, Main street, Rev. W. B. Eldridge, Pastor. Sunday—Prayer meeting, 10 a. m.; Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Junior League, 3 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:15 p. m.; Prayer meeting, 7 p. m.; Tuesday—Class meeting, 7:30 p. m.; Friday—Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

UNIVERSALIST, Church street, Rev. F. E. Barton, Pastor. Sunday—Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Y. P. S. C. E., 7:30 p. m. Tuesday—Prayer meeting, 7 p. m.

CONGREGATIONAL, Church street, Rev. Arthur Varley, Pastor. Sunday—Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Y. P. S. C. E., 7:30 p. m. Tuesday—Prayer meeting, 7 p. m.

UNITED CHURCH, West Bethel, supplied by Rev. Arthur Varley and Rev. F. E. Barton. Sunday—Preaching, 2:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 3:30 p. m.

BAPTIST, Middle Intervale and East Bethel, supplied by W. H. T. Bock. Sunday—Preaching service, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m. East Bethel—Preaching service, 2:30 p. m. Wednesday—Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

### LIBRARY.

Public Library, Broad street. Open Wednesday, from 6 to 8 p. m.; Saturday, 4 to 8 p. m. Over 2000 volumes. Mrs. G. R. Wiley, President; Annie Frey, Secretary; Mrs. O. M. Mason, Treasurer; Mrs. L. T. Barker, Librarian.

### FRATERNAL ORDERS.

BETHEL LODGE, No. 97, F. & A. M.—C. E. Abbott, W. M.; N. R. Richardson, S. W.; A. V. Barker, J. W.; M. W. Chidley, Treas.; J. C. Billings, Sec. Meets second Thursday of each month.

MR. ABRAHAM LODGE, I. O. O. F., No. 31—J. W. Smith, N. G.; A. G. Frost, V. G.; Chas. Mason, Rec. Sec.; O. C. Bryant, F. S.; S. I. French, Treas. Meets Saturday evenings.

SUNSET REBEKAH LODGE, I. O. O. F., No. 64—Mrs. Della Smith, N. G.; Miss Martha Gibson, V. G.; Miss Jane Gibson, R. S.; Mrs. W. D. Hastings, F. S.; Mrs. G. A. Burbank, Treas. Meets first and third Monday of each month.

BETHEL GRANGE, No. 56—S. E. Cummings, Master; Mrs. C. E. Valentine, Lecturer; C. E. Valentine, Secretary. Meets Saturday afternoons, once in two weeks.

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BETHEL LODGE, No. 27, J. O. U. A. M.—F. J. Tyler, C. S.; A. S. Gibson, R. S.; John Yates, F. S.; Harry Jordan, Treas. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in each month.

Brown Post, No. 84, G. A. R.—Ira Jordan, P. C.; A. M. True, Adj. Meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p. m.

Brown Post, W. R. C., No. 36—Mrs. Ira C. Jordan, Pres.; Mrs. C. S. Littlehale, Sec.; Miss E. E. Burnham, Treas. Meets the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Bethel W. C. T. U.—Mrs. O. M. Mason, Pres.; Mrs. Arthur Varley, Vice Pres.; Mrs. E. S. Chandler, Sec.; Mrs. L. T. Barker, Treas. Meets Tuesday, once in two weeks.

### CORPORATIONS.

Bethel Savings Bank—S. B. Twitchell, Pres.; A. E. Herrick, Treas.

Bethel Chair Co.—J. H. Barrows, Pres. E. L. Tobbetts, Treas.

Bethel Water Co.—Enoch Foster, Pres. A. E. Herrick, Treas.

Bethel Dairying Co.—W. E. Abbott, Manager.

Riverside Park Association—C. M. Wormell, Pres.; E. C. Rowe, Treas.

### SOCIAL SOCIETIES.

Ladies' Club, Congregational—Mrs. J. U. Purington, Pres.; Mrs. H. H. Bean, Vice Pres.; Miss Mary True, Sec.; Mrs. F. B. Tuell, Treas. Meets Thursday afternoon.

Ladies' Circle, Universalist—Mrs. L. A. Pratt, Pres.; Mrs. G. R. Wiley, Vice Pres.; Mrs. B. F. Hopkins, Sec.; Mrs. E. C. Rowe, Treas. Meets Wednesday afternoon.

Literary Society, Methodist—Mrs. W. D. Hastings, Pres.; Mrs. Calvin Bisbee, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Wilfred Bowler, Sec. Miss Addie Gordon, Treas.

Ladies' Circle, Methodist—Mrs. John Swan, Pres.; Miss Minnie Capen, Sec.; Mrs. Ira Jordan, Treas.

Columbian Club—Mrs. A. E. Herrick, Pres.; Miss Annie M. Frye, Sec. Mrs. T. F. Hastings, Treas.

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## ABOUT TOWN

D. M. Mason spent last week in Portland.

Mrs. Irving French was in Portland last week.

Joseph Plaisted of Gorham, Me., spent Tuesday in town.

Miss Daisy Martin has returned to her home at Rumford.

W. L. Strickland and wife of Upton were in town Monday.

Mrs. M. J. Goodwin of Portland is visiting at Edward Capen's.

Mr. E. H. Gleason of Rumford Falls visited Mr. E. C. Park Saturday.

H. L. Plummer of the Oxford County Advertiser, Norway, Me., was in town Tuesday.

The Columbian Club will meet Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Mrs. E. C. Rowe.

Mrs. J. G. Gehring and Mrs. A. E. Herrick are attending the State Federation of Clubs at Waterville this week.

Remember the Harvest supper and fair to-morrow evening at Pattee's hall, given by the ladies of the M. E. church.

At the close of the Music Festival at Bangor the members of the Chorus presented Prof. Chapman a diamond shirt stud.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Jordan are glad to welcome them with their sons, Louis and Robert for a few days' visit during the Centennial.

Those interested as owners of lots have lately organized as "Mt. Will Cemetery Association" located near the home of L. A. York. St. John Hastings is president, and W. R. Eames, secretary.

Mr. Chas. Lucas has purchased the meat business of Milton Penley and hereafter will do business at the old stand. He will keep a complete line of meats of best quality, and we predict for him a large trade.

The October term of the Supreme Judicial Court opened yesterday at South Paris. Deputy Sheriff Wormell is in attendance. N. W. Barker serves as grand juror and Freeland Bennett and Fritz J. Tyler as traverse jurors.

Evangelist Gale opens a series of meetings at the Congregational church next Sunday. Mr. Gale will be assisted by the soloist, Miss Sarah Munroe Hall, who quite won the hearts of all at the State W.C.T.U. Convention at Portland.

Chas. Raymond of Quincy, a former resident of Bethel, recovered \$2200 of an insurance for loss on his building by fire several months ago. The company sought release from payment, but could not substantiate their claims.

N. G. Mills of Mason was in our village Friday. Mr. Mills may be called a smart old gentleman. He says he is 76 years of age, and drove the mowing machine and horse rake to get 50 tons of hay this year. He also has quite a record as potato digger, having dug 20 bushels in 2½ hours, 21 lbs. of which come from four hills.

Messrs. L. L. Briggs and W. H. Hutchinson went to South Paris yesterday afternoon to work in the sled factory, where they have accepted situations to work as a part of the night crew. Mr. Briggs has worked in the chair factory for 12 years, and Mr. Hutchinson for 11 years, being the oldest employees of the firm. It is with something of a feeling of regret that their old place of employment is left, as past relations have been most amicable. Mr. Briggs making the statement that Mr. Barrows is the best man he ever worked for. These gentlemen intend to move their families about the first of November.

### Notice.

The M. E. Society will hold their annual Harvest Supper and Sale at Pattee's Hall, on Thursday afternoon and evening, Oct. 12. Supper served from 6 to 8, followed by an entertainment. Supper 25¢; admission free. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

A number of new books has recently been added to the library.

Mrs. Osgood Godwin of Upton is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Godwin.

There will be no preaching service at the Universalist church for the next two weeks.

Mrs. L. B. Packard has just returned from a two weeks' visit with relatives in Paris.

Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Needham were called to South Paris last Friday to attend the funeral of their niece, Miss Ethel Cook.

Mrs. Ida Clough who was taken suddenly ill last Wednesday owing to a clot of blood being lodged upon a portion of the brain, has improved quite rapidly within the past few days.

A. D. Park of South Paris was in our village Thursday. He was accompanied by Placido Alonzo y Ervesun of Matanzas, Cuba, who is with Mr. Park learning to speak the English language.

The teachers will please bear in mind that the next local meeting will be held in the brick school building next Saturday at 2 o'clock and that it is hoped all the teachers will be present.

The Rev. A. S. Ladd of Brunswick, delivered a most able and interesting address at the M. E. church, last Wednesday evening to a good-sized audience. Subject, "One Little Sin." About \$14 was realized.

Mr. E. P. Goodwin, principal of the grammar school was called to his home at Livermore Falls last Friday by the serious illness of his little three-year-old daughter. Miss Jane Gibson is supplying during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Burton and youngest son Roy, of Corinna, Me., arrived in Bethel last Thursday to visit Mrs. Burton's brother, H. A. Packard and family. Mr. Burton returned home last week, but Mrs. Burton will stay longer.

Jonathan Gilley Brown of Albany, brother of the late Levi R. Brown died at his home last Monday after a long sickness of consumption. The funeral was held at the school house in his district, Thursday afternoon attended by a large circle of relatives. Rev. Mr. Eldridge, pastor of the M. E. church, conducted the funeral service.

It is a fact that no other article manufactured in the United States gives such universal satisfaction as Magic Yeast. Other kinds of yeast may be good some of the time, but Magic Yeast is good all of the time, and you take no chance of losing your flour when you use Magic Yeast according to directions furnished on every five cent package.

### Stone-Abbott.

Tuesday afternoon the Rev. Orrin L. Stone of Newry was united in marriage to Miss Florence E. Abbott, by the Rev. N. B. Eldredge of Bethel. The ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Abbott, the bride's parents. All the members of the family were present, also Mr. Charles Davis, uncle of the bride, Miss Mary Stone of Newry, sister of the groom, and other relatives.

The bride was prettily dressed in a dove colored costume tastily trimmed with white satin and white ribbon. She is well known as a popular school teacher in this and the adjoining towns, and was a member of the Bethel News staff for about two years.

Many valuable and useful presents were given. After a brief tour in Portsmouth, Saco, and Old Orchard, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Stone will make their home at the M. E. parsonage at Newry, and will be at home to friends after the 24. Mr. Stone is highly appreciated by his people, and the bride is known and loved by a large circle of friends. We wish them joy and prosperity.

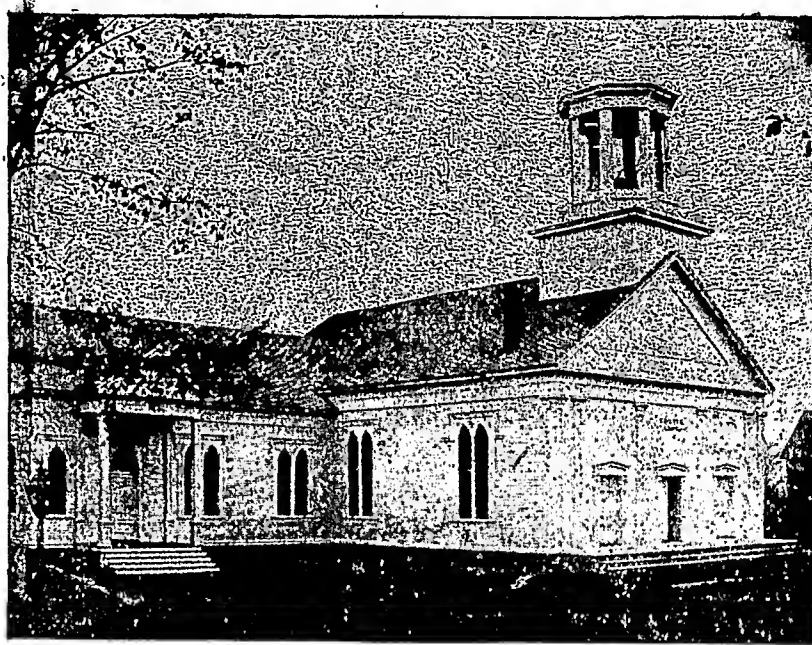
## CENTENNIAL EXERCISES

Of the First Congregational Church in Bethel, Me.,

October 8-10, 1899.

Just one hundred years ago last Saturday, a little band of faithful souls met and organized the first Congregational church in Bethel, and just one hundred years ago last Monday night, the Rev. Daniel Gould, whose name will be hallowed by Bethel people as long as time shall last, was installed its first pastor.

One hundred years, although but a hand's breadth when compared with the vast beyond, stretches on either side beyond the memory of man, and this fact alone should, and does, serve as a vivid reminder to our people of the brevity of this life, and yet of the vastness of that one to which it is but a gateway.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, BETHEL, ME.

One century ago, our village which to-day is one of the prettiest in New England, was nothing but a wilderness in which the Indian still enjoyed the chase. The noble Androscoggin was bordered by large trees, and upon it the canoe of the Indian floated unmolested. But a wilderness it was not to remain. These pioneers soon made openings in the forest and the nucleus of our little village was soon formed.

These pioneers being of the good old Puritan stock naturally gave their first attention to the church and schools, accordingly a Congregational church was among the first buildings to be erected. This edifice was built on the southerly banks of the Androscoggin river, and was the regular place of meeting of the Congregationalists for over fifty years. During this fifty years, Bethel village had grown to quite an extent, and since the business portions of the town were located here, it was decided that a new church should be erected on Bethel Hill. Hence, the church now occupied was built in 1847 and for fifty years has stood the brunt of storm and wind, and witnessed the passing of a generation and the rising of a new one to worship within its sanctuaries. During this time ten different pastors have presided over its destinies, and through all these years it has occupied a prominent place among the churches of the Oxford County Conference.

The first pastors long ago passed away but their memory has been made bright in the addresses and reminiscences of this anniversary occasion. The first pastor of the church was the Rev. Daniel Gould who was also the first settled pastor in Bethel. He continued as pastor of the church for ten years. He was a man of education and great strength of character, and his early work left a lasting impression upon the people of the town. He is a prominent figure in the history of Bethel, and his name is perpetuated in the institution of learning which bears his name, namely, Gould Academy, to which he left a small fund in his will. But while Rev. Mr. Gould stands foremost in the list as the first pastor of the church, the third regular pastor, Rev. Charles Frost,

An interested worker in educational lines he is one of the men who helped to make Bethel what it is to-day. He left the church among the largest in this part of the State. All the pastors who have been settled over the church have been men of whom not only their parishioners may well be proud, but in whom the citizens of the town regardless of denominational lines, take just pride and give due honor for the strong influence they wielded in behalf of the moral and spiritual uplift and progress of the community. It is therefore meet at this Centennial anniversary that the memory of those earlier pastors as well as those of more recent years should be honored. Their lives are part of the life of the town and their history but a part of Bethel's bright annals.

Another of revered memory is the first and only pastor of the Second Parish, namely the Rev. David Garland,—than whom no man stands more honored and respected in the rolls of Bethel's faithful workers. For nearly forty years and until his death, he ministered to his people, beloved and trusted by all. He is still remembered by many of his former parishioners and his name is held in highest respect. His widow, Mrs. Mary Garland, still lives in Mayville beneath the shadow of the church in which her husband for so many years labored earnestly and well. She too is loved and respected and is ever surrounded by a host of friends.

A large congregation assembled in the church, Sunday morning to listen to the opening sermon by the pastor, and the service indeed was a fitting one. The very atmosphere was pregnant with the spirit of the occasion; the autumn leaves, some flushed, some pallid from the sting of the cold breath of Nature, told the season of the year of the event which is being commemorated, and reminds all of the decay and death which the march of time is sure to bring; while the evergreen in the background cheered all hearts with the thoughts of that inner life which grows greener and brighter as the succeeding years go by; and then what could be more impressive than to see above and beyond, looking pleasantly out as it were,

from the evergreen land upon a little company which to-day are reaping from the seeds which were sown by him one century ago, the face of that honored saint, Rev. Daniel Gould?

After the usual opening exercises, an able and inspiring sermon was delivered by the pastor, Rev. Arthur Varley, the text being taken from the general epistle of Jude, the third verse.

He referred to Jude and his epistle, especially his words as given in the text and emphasized their effect upon the followers of Christ. He liked the positiveness of the translation—"To contend earnestly for the faith once for all, delivered unto the saints."

He said it is impossible for us to estimate Christ on a naturalistic basis alone and spoke of his relation to prophecy and history, and said: "To Christ, the Nazarine, we must turn as the source of that Gospel, the power of which, alone can save this world, save this village, bring new life to this church, and make it a power in this community."

Some of the central thoughts were: The dependence of man on God; the remission of sin, conditional upon the death of Jesus Christ; justification by faith; Christ, the great center of history; the right of private judgment; and the permanent authority of the Bible.

He said, "Christ, during his wanderings through Palestine, dealt with the same problems that vex men to-day," and, after referring to those problems, he added, "But behind all the anxiety and worry, to which the problems gave rise, Christ placed the apostasy of the human heart from God. What was true then is true to-day. The regeneration of the heart is the secret of life and salvation." "There is no rest save in God. Between Him and men, Christ stands, our Great Mediator and Redeemer." This was a stirring address and we regret that lack of time and space prevent our giving more of it.

Sunday evening, Rev. Israel Jordan preached to a large congregation. Mr. Jordan served five years as pastor of this church, and is held in highest esteem by all who know him. His sermon was an inspiring and helpful one and was listened to with much interest.

His subject, "Reality of Religion," was taken from Acts 4:13, "And they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." The following are a few extracts from his discourse:

"On an occasion like this, when the flight of time and the brevity of even the longest earthly life, is borne in upon us, nothing seems more fitting than a quest for reality. Let us seek to find the permanent in the transient, the eternal in the temporal, the invisible in the visible. In the text we have, as it were, a gateway into this world of reality. Two men, Peter and John, stand before the Jewish Sanhedrin. They have been arrested for preaching, Jesus the resurrection from the dead. The Jewish rulers and scribes and priests before whom they stand, represent the religion of externality. They themselves, the religion of inwardness and strength. The formal and the vital in religion come face to face. Unreality meets reality."

"They took knowledge of Peter and John. They received a spiritual impression. May we not say a conviction took them? They could not escape it. In the presence of a power they could not deny, the truth was forced home upon them, that these men exhibited the same type of character they had seen in the Prophet of Nazareth. The same strange blending of boldness and humility, which characterized Him, was in the two prisoners. Given an opportunity to speak in self-defence, they turned it into an opportunity for direct accusation."

The note of self-assertion was strong in them as in their Master. Yet it was not the self-assertion of egotism. It was the self-assertion of a soldier who hears and obeys the word of command. Heaven and hell are as one in recognizing

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## IN HIS STEPS.

"What Would Jesus Do?"

By Charles M. Sheldon.

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The song was over. Henry Maxwell rose again. This time he felt calm. What would Jesus do? He spoke as he thought once he never could. Who were these people? They were immortal souls. What was Christianity? A calling of sinners, not the righteous, to repentance. How would Jesus speak? What would he say? He could not tell all that his message would include, but he felt sure of a part of it, and in that certainty he spoke on. Never before had he felt "compassion for the multitude." What had the multitude been to him during his ten years in the First church but a vague, dangerous, dirty, troublesome factor in society, outside of the church and his reach; an element that caused him occasionally an unpleasant feeling of conscience; a factor in Raymond that was talked about at associations as the "masses" in papers written by the brethren in attempts to show why the "masses" were not being reached. But tonight as he faced the "masses" he asked himself whether, after all, this was not just about such a multitude as Jesus faced often, and he felt the genuine emotion of love for a crowd which is one of the best indications a preacher ever has that he is living close to the heart of the world's eternal life. It is easy to love an individual sinner, especially if he is personally picturesque or interesting. To love a multitude of sinners is distinctly a Christlike quality.

When the meeting closed, there was no special interest shown. The people rapidly melted away from the tent, and the saloons, which had been experiencing a dull season while the meetings progressed, again drove a thriving trade. The Rectangle, as it is made up for lost time, started in with vigor on its usual night life of debauch. Henry Maxwell and his little party, including Virginia, Rachel and Jasper Chase, walked down past the row of saloons and dens until they reached the corner where the cars passed.

"This is a terrible spot," said Henry Maxwell as they stood waiting for their car. "I never realized that Raymond had such a festering sore. It does not seem possible that this is a city full of Christian disciples."

He paused and then continued: "Do you think any one can ever remove this great curse of the saloon? Why don't we all act together against the traffic? What would Jesus do? Would he keep silent? Would he vote to license these causes of crime and death?"

Henry Maxwell was talking to himself more than to the others. He remembered that he had always voted for license, and so had nearly all of his church members. What would Jesus do? Could he answer that question? Would Jesus preach and not against the saloon if he lived today? How would he preach and act? Suppose it was not popular to preach against license. Suppose the Christian people thought it was all that could be done—to license the evil, and so get revenue from a necessary sin. Or suppose the church members owned property where the saloons stood. What then? He knew that these were the facts in Raymond. What would Jesus do?

He went up into his study the next morning with that question only partly answered. He thought of it all day. He was still thinking of it and reaching certain real conclusions when The Evening News came. His wife brought it up and sat down a few minutes while he read it to her.

The Evening News was at present the most sensational paper in Raymond. That is to say, it was being edited in such a remarkable fashion that its subscribers had never been so excited over a newspaper before. First they had noticed the absence of the prizefight, and gradually it began to dawn upon them that The News no longer printed accounts of crime with detailed descriptions of scandals in private life. Then they noticed that the advertisements of liquor and tobacco were being dropped, together with certain other advertisements of a questionable character. The discontinuance of the Sunday paper caused the greatest comment of all, and now the character of the editorials was creating the greatest excitement. A quotation from the Monday paper of this week was: "What would Jesus do?" to keep his promise. The editorial was headed:

"THE MORAL SIDE OF POLITICAL QUESTIONS."

"The editor of The News has always advocated the principles of the great political party at present in power and has therefore discussed all political questions from a standpoint of expediency or of belief in the party as opposed to other organizations. Hereafter, to be perfectly honest with all our readers, the editor will present and discuss political questions from the standpoint of right and wrong. In other words, the first question will not be, 'Is it in the interest of our party?' or 'Is it according to the principles laid down by the party?' but the question first asked will be, 'Is this measure in accordance with the spirit and teachings of Jesus as the author of the greatest standard of life known to men?' That is, to be perfectly plain, the moral side of every political question will be considered, its most important side, and the ground will be distinctly taken that nations as well as individuals are under the same

law to do all things to the glory of God as the first rule of action. "The same principle will be observed in the case toward candidates for places of responsibility and trust in the republic. Regardless of party politics, the editor of The News will do all in his power to bring the best men into power and will not knowingly help to support for office any candidate who is unworthy, however much he may be endorsed by the party. The first questions asked about the man, as about the measure, will be: 'Is he the right man for the place? Is he a good man with ability?'

There had been more of this, but we have quoted enough to show the character of the editorials. Hundreds of men in Raymond had read it and rubbed their eyes in amazement. A good many of them had promptly written to The News, telling the editor to stop their paper. The paper still came out, however, and was eagerly read all over the city. At the end of the week Edward Norman knew very well that he had actually lost already a large number of valuable subscribers. He faced the conditions calmly, although Clark, the managing editor, grimly anticipated ultimate bankruptcy, especially since Monday's editorial.

Tonight as Henry Maxwell read to his wife he could see in almost every column evidences of Norman's conscientious obedience to his promise. There was an absence of slang, sensational scare heads. The reading matter under the headlines was in perfect keeping with them. He noticed in two columns that the reporters' names appeared, signed at the bottom, and there was a distinct advance in the dignity and style of their contributions.

"So Norman is beginning to get his reporters to sign their work. He has talked with me about that. It is a good thing. It fixes responsibility for items where it belongs and raises the standard of work done, a good thing all around for public and writers."

Henry Maxwell suddenly paused. His wife looked up from some work she was doing. He was reading something with the utmost interest.

"Listen to this, Mary," he said after a moment, while his voice trembled:

"This morning Alexander Powers, superintendent of the L. and T. R. R. shops in this city, handed his resignation to the road and gave as the reason the fact that certain proof had fallen into his hands of the violation of the interstate commerce law, and also of the state law, which has recently been framed to prevent and punish railroad pooling for the benefit of certain favored shippers. Mr. Powers states in his resignation that he can no longer consistently withhold the information he possesses against the road. He has placed his evidence against the company in the hands of the committee, and it is now for them to take action upon it."

"The News wishes to express itself on this action of Mr. Powers. In the first place, he has nothing to gain by it. He has lost a valuable place voluntarily when by keeping silent he might have retained it. In the second place, we believe his action ought to receive the approval of all thoughtful, honest citizens who believe in seeing law obeyed and lawbreakers brought to justice. In a case like this, where evidence against a railroad company is generally understood to be almost impossible to obtain, it is the general belief that the officers of the road are often in possession of criminal facts, but do not consider it to be any of their business to inform the authorities that the law is being defied."

"The entire result of this evasion of responsibility on the part of those who are responsible is demoralizing to every young man connected with the road. The editor of The News recalls the statement made by a prominent railroad official in this city a little while ago that nearly every clerk in a certain department of the road who understood how large sums of money were made by shrewd violations of the interstate commerce law was ready to admire the shrewdness with which it was done and declared that they would all do the same thing if they were high enough in railroad circles to attempt it. [This was actually said in one of the general offices of a great western railroad, to the author's knowledge.]

"It is not necessary to say that such a condition of business is destructive to all the nobler and higher standards of conduct, and no young man can live in such an atmosphere of unpunished dishonesty and lawlessness without wrecking his character."

"In our judgment, Mr. Powers did the only thing that a Christian man can do. He has rendered brave and useful service to the state and the general public. It is not always an easy matter to determine the relations that exist between the individual citizen and his fixed duty to the public. In this case there is no doubt in our mind that the step which Mr. Powers has taken commands itself to every man who believes in law and its enforcement. There are times when the individual must act for the people in ways that will mean sacrifice and loss to him of the gravest character. Mr. Powers will be misunderstood and misrepresented, but there is no question that his course will be

approved by every citizen who wishes to see the greatest corporations as well as the weakest individual subject to the same law. Mr. Powers has done all that a loyal patriotic citizen could do. It now remains for the commission to act upon this evidence, which, we understand, is overwhelming proof of the lawlessness of the L. and T. R. Let the law be enforced, no matter who the persons may be who have been guilty."

Henry Maxwell finished reading and dropped the paper.

"I must go and see Powers. This is the result of his promise."

He rose, and as he was going out his wife said:

"Do you think, Henry, that Jesus would have done that?"

Henry Maxwell paused a moment. Then he answered slowly:

"Yes, I think he would. At any rate, Powers has decided so, and each one of us who made the promise understands that he is not deciding Jesus' conduct for any one else, only for himself."

"How about his family? How will Mrs. Powers and Celia be likely to take it?"

"Very hard, I have no doubt. That will be Powers' cross in this matter. They will not understand his motive."

Henry Maxwell went out and walked over to the next block, where the superintendent lived. To his relief, Powers himself came to the door.

The two men shook hands silently. They instantly understood each other without words. There had never been such a bond of union between the minister and his parishioner.

"What are you going to do?" Henry Maxwell asked after they had talked over the facts in the case and considered them well.

"You mean another position? I have no plans yet. I can go back to my old work as a telegraph operator. My family will not suffer except in a social way."

Alexander Powers spoke calmly, if sadly. Henry Maxwell did not need to ask him how his wife and daughter felt. He knew well enough that the superintendent had suffered deepest at that point.

"There is one matter I wish you would see to," said Powers after a while, "and that is the work begun at the shops. So far as I know, the company will not object to that going right on. It is one of the contradictions of the railroad world that the Y. M. C. A. and other Christian influences are encouraged by the roads, while all the time the most un-Christian and lawless acts are being committed in the official management of the roads themselves. Of course it is understood that it pays a railroad to have in its employ men who are temperate and honest and Christian. So I have no doubt the master mechanic will have the same courtesy extended to him that I have in the matter of the room and its uses. But what I want you to do, Mr. Maxwell, is to see that my plan is carried out. Will you?"

"You understand what the idea was in general. You made a very favorable impression on the men. Go down there as often as you can. Get Milton Wright interested to provide something for the furnishing and expense of the coffee plant and reading tables. Will you do it?"

"Yes," replied Henry Maxwell. He staid a little longer. Before he went away he and the superintendent had a prayer together, and they parted with that silent hand grasp that seemed to them like a new token of their Christian discipleship and fellowship.

The pastor of the First church went home stirred deeply by the events of the week. Gradually the truth was growing upon him that the pledge to do as Jesus would was working out a revolution in his parish and throughout the city. Every day added to the serious results of obedience to that pledge. Henry Maxwell did not pretend to see the end. He was, in fact, only now at the very beginning of events that were destined to change the history of hundreds of families, not only in Raymond, but throughout the entire country.

He thought of Edward Norman and Rachel and Mr. Powers and of the results that had already come from their actions he could not help a feeling of intense interest in the probable effect if all the persons in the First church who had made the pledge faithfully kept it. Would they all keep it, or would some of them turn back when the cross became too heavy?

He was asking this question the next morning as he sat in his study when the president of the Endeavor society called to see him.

"I suppose I ought not to trouble you with my case," said young Morris, coming at once to his errand, "but I thought, Mr. Maxwell, that you might advise me a little."

"I'm glad you came. Go on, Fred," Henry Maxwell had known the young man ever since his first year in the pastorate and loved and honored him for his consistent, faithful service in the church.

"Well, the fact is I'm out of a job. You know, I've been doing reporter work on The Morning Sentinel since I graduated last year. Well, last Saturday Mr. Burr asked me to go down the road Sunday morning and get the details of that train robbery at the junction and write the thing up for the extra edition that came out Monday morning. Just to get the start of The News. I refused to go, and Burr gave me my dismissal. He was in a bad temper, or I think perhaps he would not have done it. He has always treated me well before. Now, don't you think Jesus would have done as I did? I ask because the other fellows say I was a fool not to do the work. I want to feel that a Christian acts from motives that may seem strange to others sometimes, but not foolish. What do you think?"

"I think you kept your promise, Fred. I cannot believe Jesus would do newspaper work on Sunday, as you were asked to do it."

"Thank you, Mr. Maxwell. I felt a little troubled over it, but the longer I think it over the better I feel."

Morris rose to go, and Henry Maxwell rose and laid a loving hand on the young man's shoulder.

"What are you going to do, Fred?" "I don't know yet. I have thought some of going to Chicago or some large city."

"Why don't you try The News?"

"They are all supplied. I have not thought of applying there."

Henry Maxwell thought a moment.

"Come down to The News office with me and let us see Norman about it."

So a few minutes later Edward Norman received into his room the minister and young Morris, and Henry Maxwell briefly told the cause of their errand.

"I can give you a place on The News," said Edward Norman, with his keen look softened by a smile that made it winsome. "I want reporters who won't work Sundays. And, what is more, I am making plans for a special kind of reporting which I believe young Morris here can develop because he is in sympathy with what Jesus would do."

He assigned Morris a definite task, and Henry Maxwell started back to his study feeling that kind of satisfaction—and it is a very deep kind—which a man feels when he has been even partly instrumental in finding an unemployed person a situation.

He had intended to go back to his study, but on his way home he passed by one of Milton Wright's stores. He thought he would simply step in and shake hands with his parishioner and bid him godspeed in what he had heard he was doing to put Christ into his business, but when he went into the office Milton Wright insisted on detaining him to talk over some of his new plans. Henry Maxwell asked himself if this was the Milton Wright he used to know, eminently practical, business-like, according to the regular code of the business world, and viewing everything first and foremost from the standpoint of "Will it pay?"

"There is no use to disguise the fact, Mr. Maxwell, that I have been compelled to revolutionize the whole method of my business since I made that promise. I have been doing a great many things during the last 20 years in this store that I know Jesus would not do, but that is a small item compared with the number of things I begin to believe Jesus would do. My sins of commission have not been as many as those of omission in business relations."

"What was the first change you made?" asked Henry Maxwell. He felt as if his sermon could wait for him in his study. As the interview with Milton Wright continued he was not so sure but he had found material for a sermon without going back to his study.

"I think the first change I had to make was in my thought of my employees. I came down here Monday morning after that Sunday and asked myself, 'What would Jesus do if his relation to these clerks, bookkeepers, office boys, draymen, salesmen? Would he try to establish some sort of personal relation to them different from that which I have sustained all these years?' I soon answered the question by saying, 'Yes. Then came the question of what it would lead me to do.'

"I did not see how I could answer it to my satisfaction without getting all my employees together and having a talk with them. So I sent invitations to all of them, and we had a meeting out there in the warehouse Tuesday night."

"A good many things came out of that meeting I can't tell you all. I tried to talk with the men as I imagined Jesus might. It was hard work, for I have not been in the habit of it, and I must have made mistakes. But I can hardly make you believe, Mr. Maxwell, the effect of that meeting on some of the men. Before it closed I saw more than a dozen of them with tears on their faces. I kept asking, 'What would Jesus do?' and the more I asked it the further along it pushed me into the most intimate and loving relations with the men who have worked for me all these years. Every day something new is coming up, and I am right now in the midst of a reconstructing of the entire business, so far as its motive for being conducted is concerned. I am so practically ignorant of all plans for co-operation and its application to business that I am trying to get information from every possible source. I have lately made a special study of the life of Titus Salt, the great mill owner of Bradford, England, who afterward built that model town on the banks of the Aire. There is a good deal in his plans that will help. But I have not yet reached definite conclusions in regard to all the details. I am not enough used to Jesus' methods. But see here."

Milton eagerly reached up into one of the pigeonholes of his desk and took out a paper.

"I have sketched out what seems to me a plan such as Jesus would use in a business like mine. I want you to think about it."

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## NEWS VOTING CONTEST.

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## The Home.

[Contributions to this column are earnestly solicited. Help us to make it of interest to all.—Ed.]

## The Royal Law.

True worth is in being, not seeming.  
In doing each day that goes by  
Some little good—not in dreaming  
Of great things to do by and by.  
For whatever men say in their blindness  
And spite of the fancies of youth,  
There's nothing so kindly as kindness,  
And nothing so royal as truth.

## Start a Bank Account.

A business woman whose experience has been long and successful said to me the other day:

"If I were asked to give the best advice I could think of for young women who are earning their own living, or who have the cares and expenses of a household to look after, and if I had to confine myself to just four words, I should say: 'Start a bank account.' It is an easy matter to do so nowadays, when both the savings banks and others offer women every possible convenience and inducement. Besides, it is a good thing to do for several reasons. It fosters a feeling of independence and develops business-like habits, two essentials for a successful business woman. Then too, it is a convenient and desirable thing to pay bills by means of checks where it is possible to do so. It preserves a record of the transaction, and frequently prevents annoyances and mistakes. To my way of thinking, a bank account, even though it be a small one, should be looked upon as a necessity rather than a luxury by every woman who has business affairs of any consequence whatever.—Demorest's.

## A Word as to Debts.

It is astonishing how, when once begun, the habit of debts grow upon people and how accustomed they become to it. As it is one of the greatest enemies to peace and comfort, it should be guarded against very carefully and dreaded as a real evil. Of course, we all know that there are times when it is absolutely unavoidable to incur debt. The absolute necessities of life may be needed and no ready money to pay for them. Then it is to a certain extent justifiable to procure that which is needed, taking care, however, to keep strictly within that requirement, and also with the determination to pay off all scores before running into further expense. But these are not the cases which we are thinking of just now. When the bills come in after a great length of time their magnitude is often a cause of very great surprise. Errors cannot then well be rectified, for it is next to impossible in December to remember how many legs of mutton were consumed in July, or if two pairs of gloves and four yards of ribbon were or were not purchased. To go into debt for luxuries and what are not absolute necessities is simple dishonesty, especially if you know, as so many do, that it will be impossible to pay for them in the long run. "Out of debt, out of danger," is the old saying, and it is a very true one. Better a thousand times pinch and strive, exercise self-denial, and go without what you desire, than go into debt. There is freedom and peace in paying your way, which adds much to the happiness of life.

## To a Young Couple.

Each one of you has certain wants of food, raiment, shelter, and other necessities of life, and if you have good common sense, those individual wants can be supplied just as cheaply together as if you lived apart. The strain will come when you set up a home of your own, for a very small and plainly furnished habitation that you call yours is preferable to more stylish quarters in a boarding house or "family hotel." True love and a good conscience can be thoroughly happy in small rooms, and on cheap carpets, and over a frugal table. A vast many of what we call necessities are really superfluities. You can do without them. And if procuring them runs you into the slavery of debt, then they become sinful indulgences. Count your pennies carefully; it is the small leaks that count.

If from the weekly allowance, which should be allowed the wife

each week, even though it be small, a trifle may occasionally be saved, and some ornament, book or necessary be purchased, much pleasure is derived from its use by the whole family and in time to come the sight of articles obtained in this way will bring pleasant memories. If in later years, one is fortunate enough to have a large commodious house with luxurious furnishings, we feel safe in saying that you will enjoy it no more or take a greater pride in it than you will in your humble little first home.

Extravagance is the sin and curse of the times. We are a wasteful nation. Economy is as much a Christian duty as Bible reading; if it requires a plain coat, then wear a plain character that always looks well; and however plain be your wife's dress, she will always look sweet in your eyes. What need you care about that "great brute beast, the public?" Be independent. Don't be a slave to appearances. Abraham Lincoln when a young man, brought nothing into Springfield except what he carried in a carpet bag; when he left Springfield, it was for the presidential mansion. Hard toil and frugality were a part of his education. May God send more of the Lincoln courage into our young men.

## What to Learn.

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine.

Learn to tell a story. A well-told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sick-room.

Learn to keep your troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows.

Learn to stop croaking. If you cannot see any good in this world, keep the bad to yourself.

Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile. No one cares whether you have the earache, headache or rheumatism.

Learn to attend strictly to your own business. A very important point.

Learn to greet your friends with a smile. They carry too many frowns in their own hearts to be bothered with any of yours.

The regular annual low rate excursion over the Grand Trunk to Boston, will begin Monday, Oct. 23. The round trip fare from all stations between Stratford Hollow, N. H., and Bryant Pond, will be \$3.50, and all tickets will be good to return as late as Nov. 1.

## IT IS SAID—

That in Maine, in 1897, there was only one divorce for every 74 marriages.

That sixteen ounces of gold is enough to gild a wire that would encircle the earth.

That the most expensive luxuries in Lima are postage stamps. It costs 22 cents to send an ordinary letter, which is equivalent to 11 cents in gold.

That when it is known that there are 635,013,559,000 different whist hands that may be held, men and women will stop keeping record to see if they hold the same hand twice.

That which is generally known as the "funny bone," just at the point of the elbow, is, in reality, not a bone at all, but a nerve that lies near the surface.

That a Windham man who employed a Portland lawyer, was very much surprised at the amount of the bill sent him, and demanded an itemized memorandum. When he got it, he found \$3 had been added, as follows: "To work of itemizing, \$3."

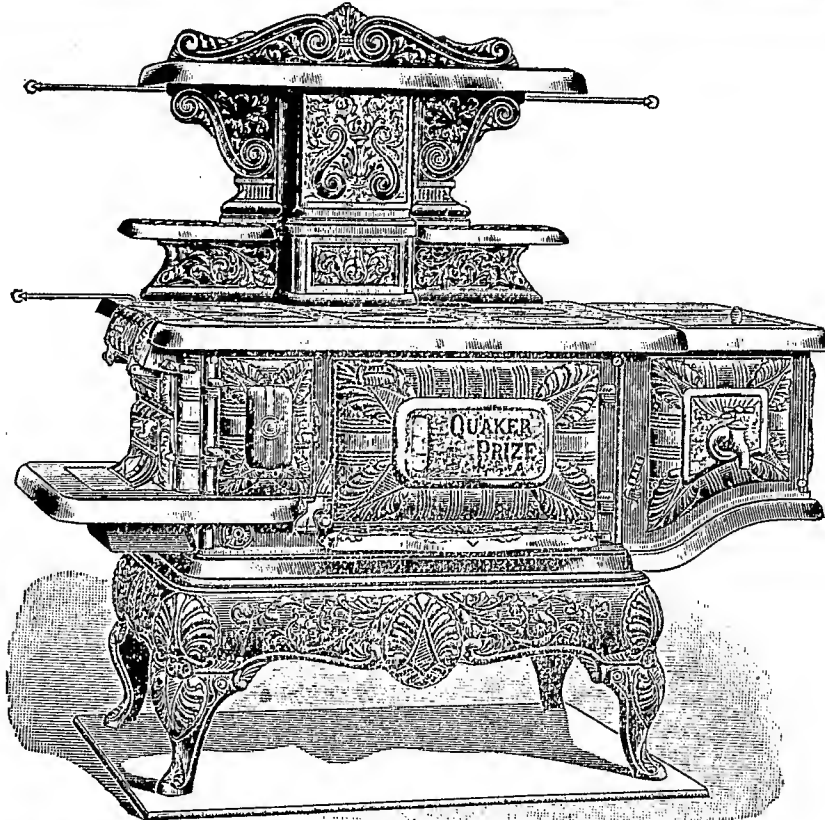
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## CONDITIONS

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## NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of GEORGE R. BERRY, late of Newry, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and gives bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.  
Sept. 10th, 1899. William B. Wright.

## PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:  
At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, the following matter having been presented for the action thereupon, hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:  
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WEDNESDAY, Oct. 11 1899.

Things were decidedly Dewey in New York last week.

Let us all join in the song of joy and preach prosperity. It is a pleasanter theme to talk about and a more joyous song. Down with hard times! Long live prosperity!—Augusta (Ga.) "Chronicle."

Letters from our Western subscribers are brim full of rejoicing over the prosperity which this year has brought to them. Prosperity is again on deck and we are glad that our readers are getting their share.

Among the late wonders of electricity is that discovered by an English inventor, whereby papers are being printed without ink, yet we are told that electricity is in its infancy. Henceforth, let us not be surprised at anything, for the next decade will doubtless bring forth wonders as marvelous at least as the present one has brought.

## Maine's Summer Schools.

Six summer schools of two weeks each have been held in Maine during the past summer, and the schools of many towns are now profiting from their effect.

Few people in the State realize the full value that is being received from these schools together with the county and town teachers' meetings, and in fact none can measure their real value or determine how far reaching their influence may be. This age is characterized as none other ever was, by its wonderful march of progress along all lines, and there is no class of people, the nature of whose profession demands a keener development and more constant expansion than the teacher, and to the end that our teachers may be more completely equipped to meet the various demands that the velocity of the world's progress puts upon them, these meetings are instituted and maintained by the State.

Those who have been instructors at these summer schools, are experts in their lines, and like most persons whose aspirations have prompted them to perfect themselves along the line of work most congenial to them, they possess a peculiar faculty of inspiring their hearers to a similar desire to perfect themselves in their chosen work. Through the enthusiasm and zeal of such instructors, the teachers are not only getting information, but their minds are being broadened and they are being inspired to nobler and better work.

State Superintendent Stetson is very much gratified with the results that have thus far been obtained. He notices that the attendance at town and county meetings this fall is greater than ever before, and that nearly all who attended the summer schools have interested themselves in the School Improvement League. Teachers are taking more educational papers, reading educational books, and making use of modern and improved methods. The service that the summer schools are rendering is also shown in the number of applicants for State certificates, 1,100 having taken the State examination up to date.

The summer schools in Maine are an important stride toward the improvement of our schools and much may be expected to be accomplished through them in the future.

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## CENTENNIAL EXERCISES.

Continued from page four.

Christ in the real Christian. Their enemies recognized Christ in Peter and John. Christ himself gives a like interpretation, "I in them." The Christian testifies to the same truth, "Christ liveth in me." The Jewish councilors found Christ in the Christian, and, but for the willful blindness of their hearts, they might have found the eternal in Christ.

"The consciousness of what he was, entailed the consciousness of this mission. He alone knew the Father. Therefore he said: 'Come unto me, learn of me.' Christ had the inward wealth of spiritual consciousness to share with others. His gospel meets the three great longings of the soul, its deepest spiritual instincts. The three are the desire, not simply to know about God, but to know God, to escape not simply the consequences of sin, but from the commission of sin, and to possess not simply the hope, but the assurance of a future life. As the two parts of a Chinese laundryman's check fit together perfectly, and show that they were originally one, so do men find a perfect correspondence between the needs of their souls and the gospel of Christ and in Christ. The Incarnation answers the cry of the soul, 'Show us the Father.'"

The crucifixion reveals at once the Father's love for his sinful child and his abhorrence of sin. The resurrection to which Christ's living, spiritual presence testifies, gives the comfortable assurance of a future life. To one who knows Christ as a risen Christ, as a deathless friend, all arguments for immortality become comparatively unimportant. The principles of addition and subtraction must be learned before the principles of multiplication and division. So the elements of the Christian consciousness must be gained in their natural order. Love is the child of faith, and hope is the child of love. Have faith in God, and according to your faith you will see God. Respond to his forgiving love, and the hope that is like an anchor will fill your soul with peace. You will find yourself living the eternal life here and now.

"Life that shall send  
A challenge to its end  
And, when death comes, say:  
'Welcome, friend!'"

On Monday evening, fitting memorial services were held in memory of the departed members of the church, following which personal reminiscences were given. Mr. Varley read several letters from absent members and then called upon Rev. Mr. Buck of Fall River, Mass., to speak. Mr. Buck is the oldest living minister, who has served as pastor of this church, and his remarks were interesting in the extreme especially to the older ones who could remember many of the incidents to which he referred.

Mr. Buck came to Bethel on January 8, 1854, and supplied the pulpit until March, when he received a unanimous call to become pastor, the ordination however, was delayed until May 31, as that date was his thirtieth birthday, and according to the Old Testament law men were not to enter the office of priest until they had reached their thirtieth birthday.

The day of his ordination was a pleasant one, and the church well-filled with people. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. S. E. Adams of Bowdoin College. The right hand of fellowship was given by Rev. H. D. Walker of Abington, Mass., a brother of Mr. Buck's wife. On the eve following his ordination, he married his first couple Mr. Thomas E. Twitchell and Miss Dolly Barker, and it may be interesting to state that time he has married 1467 couples, attended 2000 funerals, and baptized 1200 children.

He recalled with much pleasure the farmers' clubs, the sewing circles, the antiquarian suppers, and the town fairs, all of which brought the people into most cordial relations; nor does he forget the donation parties which came in for their share in prompting the true social spirit. Although, as a rule, they were rather anxious occasions for the minister and his family, yet they were not sufficiently so to provoke the prayer of "Good old Elder Lamb" as written by Will Carlton, "Take me to Thyself, in grace, O Lord, Before my next donation."

Mr. Buck gave many interesting incidents in connection with his pastorate here; he recalled many old acquaintances, and constant attendants at the church from Paradise Hill, from Locke Mills, from Grover Hill, from Middle Intervale, from West Bethel, etc., many of whom came a distance of nine miles, and some of the most regular in attendance walked three miles; others would come fifteen miles to attend communion service. Especial mention was made of one Peter Twitchell, who lived on the West Bethel road; he walked three miles, and yet was one of the most regular attendants; one peculiarity about this man Twitchell, was the fact that he always stood while the sermon was being preached; he would walk out in front of the altar and lean against the communion table, standing in precisely the same place during every sermon to which he listened.

In those days the church was always well filled, including the wing pews. Fifty-one were added to the church while he served as pastor.

He looked back with much pride to the Bible class which he formed from the students of Gould's Academy, who met with him at his house every Tuesday evening; many from this class grew up and made strong pillars in the church. He wished especially to speak of the pleasure it afforded him to recall his pleasant relations with Rev. Mr. Garland and the great pleasure it afforded him to find the two churches which he knew, united into one. He was also gratified to learn that Garland chapel had been erected as a tribute to his honored and departed brother.

During his pastorate here, he married thirty-six couples and attended forty-one funerals; the first funeral being that of Wm. Frye, a lawyer of marked ability, and one of the most prominent men of his time; another was a Mrs. C. Young, whose descendants can be traced to fifteen children, eighty-four grandchildren, and two hundred forty-six great-grandchildren.

The marked interest which the people had, their excellent attendance at church, and their kind and generous hospitality, made a lasting impression upon him, and, speaking of a later visit to Bethel, he said: "A most touching illustration of the hospitality of the people and their good will, was afforded me, when, eighteen years ago, I came to Bethel with my two oldest daughters. We put up at the Elms House, and for ten days went in and out among the people, as time would allow; we had more invitations, however, than we had time to accept, and when, before our departure, I went to the office to pay our bills, I was informed that my bills were paid. The good people of Bethel had preceded me and paid all my bills. I know not to whom we were indebted for that kind act, but I wish now most heartily to express to you all, our most sincere thanks for that expression of love and good will." That visit, he said, forcibly reminded him of those grand reunions that will take place when we have passed on to our eternal reward.

He then gave briefly his experience since he left Bethel to labor in other fields, first in Slatesville, Rhode Island, and afterwards in Fall River, Mass. His labors have truly been blessed with a decided outpouring of God's spirit, and all who listened to his reminiscences could but feel that his life had been one of complete devotion to God's service.

Rev. Mr. Hardy, another former pastor, spoke briefly, and Mrs. T. H. Chapman read a few letters from absent friends including a letter from Rev. S. L. Bowler, who regretted very much his inability to join his former parishioners in the celebration of the 100th anniversary of their church. Also one from Amanda Frost Cozard of Cleveland, Ohio, daughter of Rev. Chas. Frost, who for twenty-eight years served as the devoted pastor of this church. Mrs. Cozard gives many incidents connected with her girlhood, and during the time that her father labored here, which we are sure will be of interest to our readers and we will give them next week.

Following this service, a very pleasant and fitting reception was given the former pastors of the church, in Garland chapel. Refreshments were served, and the very pleasant occasion was enjoyed by all.

Several church souvenirs were on exhibition, including the Centennial rooster, owned by S. B. Twitchell, and recently referred to in the News as being made about 100 years ago, and placed upon the old Congregational church on the bank of the Androscoggin; also a hymn book, published in 1738, was shown by Misses K. and C. Grover; and one of the small stoves such as our grandmothers used to take to church to keep themselves warm. As we looked at this little curiosity, we imagined ourselves going into a cold church with the mercury at 20° below zero, outside, and perhaps scarcely higher inside, with the little stove under our arm, and relying upon the kettle of hot coals (containing scarcely a pint) to keep us warm. This little ancient necessity was shown by Mrs. Garland.

## Historic Address.

BY REV. ARTHUR VARLEY.

I trust you will all see at the beginning, the difficulty under which I labor while attempting to put before you in an interesting way, the past history of this Church.

While striking out the framework of this address, I relied simply and solely upon the church records. These have not always been kept in a very good way; at times they are very meagre. By the turning of a leaf, you pass over, in many instances, three, six, nine, or even twelve months of time. A great deal of reading has had to be done between the lines. Often the record for months consists, simply, of the statements that Brother So and So or Sister So and So presented themselves for church membership, and their reasons being satisfactory, they were admitted. These records of the church may be read by anyone who will take the trouble to go through them, and if there are any errors in this address, then the records themselves are at fault, as I have been guided wholly by them.

The records as we have them, go a little further back than the real history of this church, although they are immediately connected with it. They read like this:—"After the Rev. Daniel Gould had preached some time in the West Parish, in the town of Bethel, they proceeded to pass the following votes, viz.:—At a legal meeting held in the West Parish, in Bethel, on the 24th day of July, 1799, voted: First, To give Mr. Daniel Gould a call to settle with them as their Gospel Minister.

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Third, To give Mr. Gould \$150 as a settlement, to be paid in labor. Chose Esquire Russell, Mr. Amos Gage, and Lieut. Ezra Twitchell a committee to treat with Mr. Gould on the above proposals."

The above would certainly not be considered a very hard contract to meet to-day. But one of the reasons subsequently set forth by the Parish for a dissolution of their relations, was that they were unable to fulfill that contract. The reply of Mr. Gould to the above invitation is somewhat interesting, and I will here read a portion of

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## Centennial Exercises.

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it. The letter is dated Sept. 1, 1799. "To the Inhabitants of the West Parish in the Town of Bethel.

DEARLY and BELOVED:—You have, some time since, given me a call or invitation to settle with you in the work of the Gospel Ministry; and for this purpose you have made proposals for my settlement and support with you, as appears by your letter, made in open and legal parish meeting, called for that purpose on July 24, 1799, which have been presented to me by your committee.

You might perhaps have expected me to have given you an answer to your call and proposals before this time. But the situation of your affairs, and the importance of the undertaking have hitherto caused my delay herein.

After having implored Divine direction, and taken the advice of my friends, as far as I was able, that I might know what is my duty herein, and also with unwearied pains, I have carefully and impartially examined into your situation and circumstances, relative to my settling with you. I have been induced from some things, which are disagreeable among you as they respect me to give a negative answer to your call, and to conclude not to tarry among you.

But upon viewing things on the other hand, and finding nothing material objected against me or the doctrines which I have preached among you since I have been in this place; and finding that those who did not vote for my settling with you, were actuated from other principles than your distaste to me—apprehending, therefore, that I might be of service to you, and an instrument in building up the cause of God and religion in this place, I have been inclined to give an answer in the affirmative.

I do, therefore, now in the fear of God, and in the presence of this Assembly, give it as my opinion that it is my duty to consent to tarry with you, agreeable to your request. And I do, therefore, hereby declare, though with timidity, my acceptance of your invitation to settle with you in the work of the Gospel Ministry.

I expect you will assist me here-in with your friendship and candor, and that you will do all that you can to render my life, which I cheerfully devote to God and to your service in the Gospel Ministry, as comfortable as your ability and circumstances will admit. I wish, not to live above you at your expense, nor below you through your neglect, but with you through your generosity and kindness. And though the salary which you have offered me, is but small in comparison with the old towns and parishes, yet your local situation and my present circumstances are such as may, perhaps, render it sufficient, provided you should make prompt payment; and should at the adjournment of your meeting, add a few cords of wood to be cut and drawn to the door of my dwelling-house. To furnish wood for ministers is customary in almost all cases of this kind. I conceive that you forgot this article before; and from your known generosity, I have no doubt but you will make this addition to my support, as it is what you may do among yourselves, and without any pecuniary expense to the parish. And as I and my wife have aged parents, it will be expected that liberty will be given to visit them, without my being under obligation to supply the desk in the meantime." With words full of humility and reverence and exhortation, he closes his letter to the Parish.

Upon receiving this letter, the Parish proceeded to appoint a council and the day for installation, with the consent of the pastor-elect. But previous to the day appointed for the installation, a number of church members belonging to different churches, together with others proposed to the pastor-elect, their intention of forming themselves into a Church State in this Parish, and public notice thereof being previously given, a meeting was proposed to be held at Lieut.

Ezra Twitcomb's for the above purpose, and by the assistance of the pastor-elect, a Church was formed in this Parish. This was the 7th day of October, 1799.

According to the regular custom of the time, the newly formed church extended a call to the Rev. Daniel Gould. The Church and Parish made provision for an ecclesiastical council and Mr. Gould was duly installed as pastor of the church and Parish, Oct. 9, 1799. The council was made up of representatives from Bridgton, Fryeburg, and Otisfield. The Rev. Wm. Fessenden of Fryeburg, preached the sermon from Heb. 13:17, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."

The confession of Faith drawn up at that time is a lengthy document, and I shall simply give you the substance of it.

"We believe there is only one living and true God, who is the universal Creator, the beneficent preserver, the righteous governor, and the sovereign disposer of all events in the universe."

"We believe that there are three persons in the God-head, viz: the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, equal in power and glory, and equally possessed of all possible excellences and perfections."

"We believe the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments, are the words of God, and that they were written by the prophets, apostles and holy men, as they were moved by the Holy Ghost; and are the only rule of faith and practice, as they contain everything necessary for man to know relative to their salvation; and as they contain the duty we owe to God and man, and point out the way of life and salvation by Jesus Christ."

Eleven other articles follow declaring their belief in God's plan of government, the moral agency of men and angels, the fall of some of the angels, the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, by which he plunged the whole human race into a state of sin and misery, the depravity of the soul and the possible destruction of the soul and body, the provision for a redemption through Christ by reason of an eternal covenant between the Father and Jesus Christ, the Atonement, the Resurrection, the Ascension, the need of immediate repentance, the utter helplessness of the sinner, the change of heart, the visible church, and the immortality of the soul. This Confession of Faith was not formally adopted until fifteen years later, when it was voted that the foregoing Confession of Faith should be considered as the groundwork of their belief of gospel doctrine in the church, and to be read when new members are admitted.

With humble and contrite hearts before God, those few souls entered into a solemn covenant, and, although that covenant is quite lengthy, yet I wish that every word of it could be fixed upon our hearts here to-day. It has the true old Puritan ring in it. And as those few souls formulated and entered into that covenant, pledging themselves to God, and promising to bring their families and all their connections, if possible, to God, the Eternal Father must have looked down upon them with satisfaction. At least, they laid a foundation of which we need not be ashamed. The signers of that covenant were: Sarah Greenwood, Susanna Twitcomb, Mary Green-

wood, Mary Russell, Joseph Greenwood, James Grover, Ezra Twitcomb, Zela Holt, Eleazer Twitcomb, Asa Kimball, Benjamin Russell. Thus, a century ago the foundations of this church were laid. They built upon Christ. We cannot say that all the history which the church has written during the hundred years that are gone glorifies our Lord Jesus. But to-day we still cling to the same faith that led those few brave souls to give us the glorious heritage which we enjoy.

Very soon the problems peculiar to the day began to engage their attention, and one of the problems related to the baptism of children. On April 25th, 1800, the following vote was taken: "To admit no children to the ordinance of baptism, except those whose parents, one or both of them, are in full communion; and also those who are in covenant and have had children baptized elsewhere; and also those who are in covenant or are in full communion, and have taken a child to bring up as their own." The ministry of the Rev. Daniel Gould was not full of pleasure and happiness. His service however, was not without its rich rewards, and he was honorably discharged May 7th, 1809.

During the ten following years the church had no regular pastor. The Rev. Valentine Little, and the Rev. Timothy Hilliard served the church in a missionary way and very much good resulted from their labors.

Space and time will not permit me here to give an account of the ministry of every pastor who has served this church. The time of their call and the length of their service are given in our Church Manual, while a brief account of most of the men who have served this church is to be found in the "History of Bethel."

On February 20, 1822, the church extended a call to the Rev. Charles Frost. His service here extended over a period of twenty-eight years the longest in the history of the church. During the first eight years of his ministry, twenty-nine persons were added to the church. The only one living to-day is Mrs. Robert Chapman of Portland who joined this church nearly seventy years ago, and is its oldest living member to-day. Of the number who joined the church during his subsequent ministry, only three are now living: Mr. Seth Wight, Mrs. Almon Grover and Miss Salome G. Twitcomb. At the beginning of Mr. Frost's pastorate, the confession of faith and the church covenant were modified, but there was no departure from the doctrines embodied in the first confession of faith and covenant formulated by this church.

In 1832, the spirit of benevolence seems to have first shown itself, for on June 30, of that year it was voted that the church resolve itself into a Benevolent Society, for the purpose of sustaining the objects of Christian benevolence among us. In consequence of the above vote, a committee of appropriation was added to the machinery of the church. On September 16, of that same year, the first collection for Bangor Theological Seminary was taken up. Ten dollars and eighty-three cents were contributed at that time. The spiritual interests of the church were carefully guarded, for we read of the appointment of a committee to visit the members of the church in the several districts of the parish. I do not know what attitude this church has always shown towards the question of temperance, but I read that the part of a certain report which related to temperance was recommended to the same committee with a view to their offering some means by which the cause of temperance might be promoted in the church. And again the following resolution was presented to the church, and after a full and friendly discussion, was adopted, there being a large number of the male members present. Resolved: That we regard the use of intoxicating drinks as unnecessary, and of injurious tendency, and that no person hereafter be admitted to the church who is not pledged to the principle of total abstinence. Still again on Tuesday, November 17, 1863, agreeable to adjournment, the church met at the vestry, and a happy meeting it was. There had been some decided difference in relation to the temperance question, but it was resolved "That we as members of the First Congre-

gational church in Bethel, regarding rumselling as positively injurious to the morals of the community, a reproach upon the church, and a sin against God, will not fellowship with rumselling by any of its members under any circumstances whatever."

As long ago as 1838, the church began to show its interest in Foreign Missions, for this subject was freely discussed in open church meeting, and its record from that time till now, is on the whole, a worthy one.

In 1839 a great revival swept the place. It was indeed a Pentecost, for, according to the record, on one day, May 23, fifty-eight persons were added to the church. Would that such a day might come again! Only two of that number, Mr. Seth Wight and Mrs. Almon Grover are with us to-day.

Again the subject of systematic benevolence was brought before the church and after some consultation and remarks from several brethren, it was agreed that a contribution be taken up on the first Sabbath of every other month for objects of benevolence abroad, and also a contribution on the first Sabbaths of the other months immediately after the communion, for objects of benevolence at home. Nearly twenty years later than this, the church voted to so far pledge themselves to the support of the Bangor Theological Seminary during its present embarrassed condition as to pay the sum of twenty-five cents per member, until some permanent relief should be obtained.

On the fourth of March the first motion is on record which led to a division of the church, and the organization of the Second Congregational church in Bethel. The Androscoggin river is not quite so formidable now however, and to-day we can rejoice in a happy union, and a greater strength by virtue of that union.

Mr. Buck is the oldest living pastor present with us to-day. According to our church list only five are living and members of this church, who were welcomed into the Household of Faith under his faithful ministry: Mrs. Alfred Twitcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund E. Holt, Mrs. Lyman Russell and Miss Rebecca Chandler.

Again, during the war of the rebellion, a wave of spiritual power swept through the community. During the year 1861-62, about sixty persons were added to the church. What a glorious year that must have been! With the time of great trial came the consciousness of human weakness and God's Power, and again the Spirit brought into the church many precious souls.

I wish that time and space would allow me to give a little synopsis of every pastor's ministrations unto this church from Rev. Mr. Gould, who was installed its first pastor, a hundred years ago, until the time when Brother Jordan closed his labors here. But I cannot. Outside of your humble servant, fourteen ministers have served this church. Rev. Daniel Gould served it about ten years; Rev. Valentine Little, five years; Rev. Timothy Hilliard, one year; Rev. Henry Sewall, not quite a year; Rev. Charles Frost, twenty-eight years; Rev. John H. M. Leland, three years; Rev. Edwin A. Buck, a little over four years; Rev. John B. Wheelwright, eight years; Rev. Eugene Titus, two years and nine months; Rev. Nahum Grover, eighteen months; Rev. Charles L. Mills, fifteen months; Rev. S. L. Bowler, six years; Rev. D. W. Hardy, seven years; and Rev. Israel Jordan, a little over five years. With the exception of Rev. Henry Sewall, whose relation with this church was severed on account of some difference of opinion regarding marriage, souls have been added to the church under the ministrations of every pastor. In all, six hundred and sixty-five persons have been taken into Christian fellowship at the altar of this church. The large majority of them have entered the eternal fellowship of the angels of God. So far as I was able to determine on December 31, 1898, there were thirty-eight male members and ninety-six female members belonging to this church. Out of this number, thirty-seven are absent. At the beginning of this year, Sister Abbie Grover and Judge Woodbury went to meet and look upon the face of Him they loved, and served so well here below. That gives a total membership at the present time of 132.

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the result of over-work, indiscretions, excesses and abuses, have brought themselves to a condition where they must have the best help science can give to save them from prostration, despair and death. But kind Nature forgives; there is one sure remedy to cure you, to save you from nervous prostration, insanity, paralysis, despair and death, and that is that wonderful discovery, that vitalizing invigorator, Dr. Greene's Nervura. This wonderful restorative of brain, nerve and body, will give back to the weakened and exhausted system the strength that it has lost. It will impart strength and vigor to the brain and nerves, vitalize and invigorate all the physical powers, and restore you again to that grand degree of lusty strength, of bounding pulse and strong physical and nerve power, which by over-work, ignorance or folly, you have exhausted. Dr. Greene, at 700, 6th St., Boston, Mass., the great specialist in nervous diseases of men, invites sufferers from nervous debility and seminal weakness to consult him, free of charge, either personally or by letter. All communications are confidential, and will be answered by return mail. As well as the best advice and counsel from this reliable and experienced physician to whom thousands of men owe their present health and happiness.

With two or three exceptions, I have had interesting letters from every absent member, telling of their love for the old church.

Within the last sixty years, this church has contributed over twenty-seven hundred dollars for missionary and benevolent purposes.

Thus, my friends, our history stands before us. A hundred years ago this church was organized with eleven members. A very small beginning indeed. From then till now, every page of its history is not a fair one. But through all the years its foundation has been a strong one, for it has rested upon that Foundation which is Everlasting. Like the Israelites of old it has had its seasons of victory and defeat, inspiration and depression. But, thank God, it is strong in the Faith to-day. It has grown and progressed. It has been interested in education as well as the world-wide spread of Christ's Kingdom. We are proud to-day of the Faith of our fathers. We are not ashamed of the way they built. We do not know what the future will be. That is in God's keeping. But the present is ours. Let us not dishonor the trust reposed in us. With a strong faith in the same God that our fathers loved, preaching and living the same Gospel that they cherished with our faces Zionward, let us make a record now that a hundred years hence will make the hearts of our children's children swell with pride. May the God of our fathers guide us, and glorify himself through us, that His Truth may live and shine here, and precious souls be guided by it into His Eternal Kingdom. Amen.

The sermon, Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. Smith Baker, D. D., and the oration Tuesday evening, by Prof. Henry L. Chapman of Bowdoin, were each masterly efforts, and will be reviewed next week, together with a report of the Oxford County Conference which was held in connection with the Centennial exercises.

"Deeds are Fruits," Words are but leaves. It is not what we say, but what Hood's Sarsaparilla does that tells the story. The many wonderful cures effected by this medicine are the fruits by which it should be judged. These prove it to be the great unequalled remedy for dyspepsia, rheumatism, scrofula, salt rheum, catarrh and all other ailments due to impure or impoverished blood. Hood's Pills are non-irritating, mild, effective.

"What's in a name?" Everything, when you come to medicine. When you get Hood's Sarsaparilla you get the best money can buy. Fine Intervale Farm For Sale. 150 acre farm situated on Androscoggin river in Bethel, known as the Moses Kimball farm. The farm contains 30 tons good English hay, fine pasture, a valuable wood lot, nice spring water at the house and barn, house 10 rooms, wood shed, carriage house, barn 40x35, hen house 40x12, all in good repair and will be sold on easy terms. For information inquire of O. E. Twitcomb, Hanover, Maine, or O. F. Twitcomb, Box 1475, Portland, Maine. 3 20

#### Foot Ball.

The Gould's Academy foot ball eleven played their first game this season, at North Bridgton, last Saturday, against the Bridgton Academy eleven. Our boys expected to play the second eleven, but found that many of the players were members of the first team last year, and that no first team had been selected this year, so it is not surprising that the game resulted in a score of 29 to 0, in favor of Bridgton. But they came far from having a "walk-over," for the Bethel boys put up an excellent game and showed that with a team of their weight, they will play a winning game.

The chief features for Gould's were Martin and Maher's tackling, the strength of Ryerson in breaking up the interference, and the sprightly of Cushman, who made the largest gain for Gould's. The Bridgton team all played finely, but Cannell and Hamlin deserve especial mention, the former for strength in running, and the latter for his goal kicking and splendid line-bucking. The line-up was as follows:

GOULD'S.	BRIDGTON.
Watson, c.	Edwards, c.
Stanley, l. g.	Stuart, l. g.
Davis, r. g.	Snell, r. g.
Martin, l. t.	Hamlin, l. t.
Merrow, r. t.	Parrot, r. t.
Bean, l. e.	Martin, l. e.
Carlson, r. e.	Ames, r. e.
Ryerson, l. e.	Clemens, l. e.
Holmes, c. b.	Poley, c. b.
Cushman, l. h. b.	Capt. Sanderson, l. h. b.
Merrow, r. h. b.	Haskell, r. h. b.
Capt. Farwell, f. l.	Cannell, f. l.
Substitutes: For G. A., Maxfield and Merrow; for B. A., Young and Parrot.	

The game was supervised very satisfactorily, by A. C. Eames, referee; E. V. Spooner, umpire; E. K. Maxfield and H. G. Webster, linesmen.

The people of Bethel do not want to be discouraged by the result of this game, as the boys are not, for they feel that it was more an honor than a disgrace to be beaten by this team, which has not been beaten for several years.

The Bridgtons will return the game, here, in a couple of weeks, the date of which will be announced later, and thus Bethel people will be able to see an exhibition of foot ball that is seldom afforded them.

If possible a game will be arranged for next Saturday, Oct. 14, and it is hoped that a good crowd of spectators will assemble to encourage the efforts of the Academy boys. You assume no risk when you buy Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. G. R. Wiley, Bethel; A. S. Bean, W. Bethel; W. H. Crockett, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; A. R. Small & Son, Bryant Pond will refund your money if you are not satisfied after using it. It is everywhere admitted to be the most successful remedy in use for bowels complaints and the only one that never fails. It is pleasant, safe and reliable.

Hotel Help Wanted. Man and wife. Man to do hotel porter work. Must be strictly temperate and willing to work. Apply to G. D. Stratton, Gorham, N. H. 3 20

#### NOTICE.

Collector's Notice and Advertisement of sale of Lands of non-resident owners. Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1898.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners, in the town of Bethel, for the year 1898, committed to me for collection for said town on the thirtieth day of June, 1898, remains unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold with further notice, at public auction at Orono on the first Monday of October next, at nine o'clock a.m.

Frank E. Carpenter,	Estes and Moody lots,	\$7.40
Clark B. Frost,	Jas. May Council land,	2.00
O. M. Goss,	One half of lot 3 in Range 6,	1.00
E. R. Holmes,	William Reed farm,	7.50
H. G. Knowlton,	D. M. Goss farm,	2.25
Joseph Twitcomb,	Mark Swan place,	4.20
Horace Walker,	Sylvester Mason stand,	1.25
Z. J. Wheeler,	James Lane stand,	1.75
W. F. Walker,	Homestead,	2.31
Z. C. Estes,	Wheeler Meadow lot,	1.48
	Stand on Summer street,	1.25
	Wood lot,	3.77
	Meadow,	1.39
	N. A. Austin lot,	.92

Bethel, October 4, 1899.

H. H. BEAN, Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

## BEFORE MOVING INTO OUR NEW STORE

We want to close a large lot of goods.

### This is Your Opportunity.

One lot remnants Dress Goods in cheap, medium and fine at 25 to 50 per cent. discount.

1 lot Dress Goods, regular price 42c,	Removal price 29c	1 lot Fancy Velvets for Waists and Trimmings, regular price, \$1.25,	Removal price, 69c
1 lot Dress Goods, regular price, 25c,	Removal price 19c	1 lot dark colored Satines, good styles, regular price 12 1-2c,	Removal price 5c
1 lot Silks, regular price \$1.00,	Removal price 50c	1 lot 36 in Percales, regular price 8c,	Removal price 5c
1 lot Fancy Silks, regular price 87c,	Removal price 29c		

We have mentioned but a few of the good things.

Come before the assortment is broken.....

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**A Sudden Introduction.**  
A Philadelphia paper tells a funny story of the blizzard days of last winter in that city. A certain Mr. K. had over his dining room a skylight which was burdened with a great weight of snow, and early one evening he took a snow shovel and went up to remove it. He shoveled it off, and then it occurred to him that he would perform the same service for his next door neighbor, whose dining room lay side by side with his own, the construction of the two houses being alike.  
The inmate of the next house was a worthy widow, whom Mr. K. had never met, but with whom his wife was on calling terms.  
Mr. K. proceeded to a position from which he could, as he supposed, safely shovel off the snow, but in doing so he made a false step and got on the skylight. Crash! went the glass, and down through the aperture went Mr. K.  
It chanced that his next door neighbor was just at this time eating her dinner. Mr. K. landed in a sitting position in the middle of her table, surrounded by snow, broken glass and china, capsize dishes of food, and still manfully brandishing his snow shovel.  
The shovel told the story to the widow. Although somewhat disconcerted, she quickly regained her composure, recognized the neighbor whom she had seen pass her door, and exclaimed, politely:  
"Oh, Mr. K., I am very glad you have called! I've often heard Mrs. K. speak of you!"

**The Laugh Wasn't on the Boy.**  
It is said that Professor Blackie often told this anecdote "on himself." This genial old professor used to form a very picturesque feature in the Edinburgh streets. He was a wiry old patriarch, with handsome features and hair falling in ringlets about his shoulders. No one who had seen him could possibly forget him. One day he was accosted by a very dirty little bootblack with his "Shine your boots, sir?" The professor was impressed by the filthiness of the boy's face.  
"I don't want a shine, my lad," said he. "But if you'll go and wash your face I'll give you sixpence."  
"A' richt, sir," was the lad's reply. Then he went over to a neighboring fountain and made his ablutions. Returning, he held out his hand for the money.  
"Well, my lad," said the professor, "you have earned your sixpence. Here it is."  
"I dinna want it," returned the boy, with a lordly air. "Ye can keep it and get yer hair cut."

# You

need not lose flesh in summer if you use the proper means to prevent it. You think you can't take SCOTT'S EMULSION in hot weather, but you can take it and digest it as well in summer as in winter. It is not like the plain cod-liver oil, which is difficult to take at any time. If you are losing flesh, you are losing ground and you need

**Scott's Emulsion**  
and must have it to keep up your flesh and strength. If you have been taking it and prospering on it, don't fail to continue until you are thoroughly strong and well.

See and get all druggists.  
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

**State W. C. T. U. Convention.**  
Threatening skies followed by a steady downpour of rain did not dishearten the White Ribboners of Maine who had assembled in Portland to attend the State Convention of the W. C. T. U. The convention opened with a well attended devotional service in which was given the key note to the meetings which followed. A large number of earnest women greeted the State President, Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens when the gavel fell announcing the twenty-fifth annual convention open, and upon the arrival of trains, the number was increased.

The president's address was a review of the work of the past year, and suggestions for future work along all lines taken up by the several departments. The roll call was responded to by two hundred and sixty-seven delegates, each of the sixteen counties being represented by its President, delegates and visitors from the several unions who had come to see, hear and get inspiration for the coming year.

The report of the corresponding secretary was very encouraging. There are now one hundred and seventy-six unions in the State of Maine, twelve having been organized during the year. Oxford county went to the convention with a record to justify the pride the members of the W. C. T. U. feel in the increase of membership and interest. Two new unions have been formed, and one re-organized.

One fact that was clearly defined was that the women of Maine have not lost faith in the cause they espoused and are strong in their convictions of right, believing that this gigantic evil will yet be overcome.

In the evening, William H. Dow grandson of Gen. Neal Dow, and chairman of the Board of Aldermen, gave an address of welcome in behalf of the city, and paid a most fervid compliment to the work of the W. C. T. U.

Rev. Luther Freeman, pastor of the Chestnut street M. E. church, gave a most cordial welcome in behalf of the churches of Portland. The convention was fortunate in having present, Miss Annie Gordon, so long associated in the work with Miss Francis Willard. Miss Gordon holds the same position of helpfulness and companionship to Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens who is now National as well as State president. Miss Gordon is also National vice-president. Her address was very interesting, in which she gave several anecdotes of her recent trip across the continent.

Wednesday morning the weather was more propitious, and large numbers were present all day. The reports of the department superintendents were very encouraging, showing the best results to come from organized work. In the afternoon the "Y" Home, which by the way, is Young Women's Temperance Union, proved to be one of the most hopeful features of the convention, for it showed in this twenty-fifth anniversary of the W. C. T. U., there is coming forward a young but determined and consecrated band of young workers to fill the ranks as one by one, the workers are "promoted to higher service." The long list read at the sweet and tender memorial service showed that a good number of the earnest workers had received an "abundant entrance" during the year.

The evening address was given by Miss Jessie Akerman, a world wide traveller, and her thrilling address held the close attention of her large audience for an hour and a half.

Thursday unfinished business claimed attention and election of officers: President, Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Cornelia M. Dow; Recording Secretary, Miss Clara Farwell; Assistant Recording Secretary, Estelle M. Brainard; Treasurer, Mrs. A. S. Johnston. The last evening Rev. Annie Shaw gave a most forceful address upon "Victory."

Miss Sarah Munroe Hall, musical director of the State W. C. T. U., added much to the interest of the meetings by her sweet solos. Miss Hall has a voice of rare sweetness and power.

Many pastors of the city and town churches, as well as visitors from Canada, Kansas, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and other states, and many from our own state, were

introduced, and spoke words of cheer and encouragement.

Thus closed one of the most interesting conventions in the annals of the W. C. T. U. The county songs sung by the several delegations showed that the war is still on, and the women of Maine will never surrender as long as evil in its varied form exists. The resolutions passed by the convention showed the strength and power of the workers in this great cause. A brief outline of the "feast of three days" is but a glimpse of the work reported done, and the inspiration received by this band of consecrated Christian workers.

## The Author of "In His Steps."

We know that many of the NEWS readers have read more than one book from the pen of Rev. Chas. M. Sheldon of Topeka, Kansas, and think a brief sketch of his life will be of interest to many. Eleven of his works have been read by him in his Sunday evening meetings at the Central Congregational church at Topeka; the first one was read in the winter of 1891.

Although Mr. Sheldon has written a dozen books, he is known best as the author of "In His Steps." The work was not copyrighted in England and twenty publishing houses are still issuing editions. From the editions in the United States, which sell as low as 15¢ per copy, Mr. Sheldon's income is estimated at \$500 per month. When told that the people who read his books would like to know about the author, he said: "That is mere idle curiosity. I do not wish to be talked about, or to have my church work talked about. The message I have for these people among whom I live, I give in my sermons. The message I have for the world at large, I give in my books. I have nothing more to say."

Although he avoids notoriety, he is willing to speak when opportunity presents itself to further the cause of religion or humanity. At one time he asked his congregation to excuse him from all parish work and he was seen only at church services. For several months he studied the different classes of wage earners in a novel manner. Unknown to any one, he donned the garb of a laborer, secured "a job" and went to work. He worked as a mechanic's helper in railroad shops and spent some time as a trainman. He mingled with the lawyers and doctors and finally entered Washburn College as a student, but his special field of labor and where the fruits were wonderful, was in the negro quarter of Topeka. The inhabitants of that quarter were lifted from dens of filth and squalor to neatly kept homes, yards, and most thrifty families. His work, "The Redemption of Freetown," is the story of his work among the blacks.

"In His Steps" was not founded upon facts and when written was purely imaginary, but Mr. Sheldon says: "Since the story was written, I have heard of several characters who are very nearly like those in the book."

Mr. Sheldon is married and has one son. His home is a neat cottage, but the most of his writing is done in the study at his church. The immense sale of "In His Steps," in England is doubtless due largely to the fact that twenty English firms were pushing the book at one time. An English publication says that in four months its circulation has far surpassed the total circulation of all of Mrs. Henry Wood's novels in forty years. "East Lynne," which has had a larger circulation than any other English copyright novel, has only reached 480,000 copies, and it is said that the total number sold of William Black's novels is not more than 300,000. "Three Men in a Boat," a remarkably popular book, reached 160,000; "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush," 90,000; "A Prisoner of Zenda," 70,000; and "The Christian," the most popular book of 1898, sold to the extent of 123,000 in that year. But "In His Steps" has reached a sale of three million copies. Three of Mr. Sheldon's books, sold at a penny, ran through an aggregate edition of 900,000 in three weeks.

Beauty is not in the skin. No beauty without it. C. S. & C. S. Cathartie clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin today with pinpoints, pills, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets—Beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢.

## MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Nearly everyone went to Waterford fair.

George Briggs went to Oxford last Tuesday.

Roscoe Swan from Bryant Pond visited G. W. Briggs last week.

We enjoyed a pleasant call from Mr. and Mrs. Ora Saunders last Sunday.

Fred Wheeler of Grover Hill was at his sister's, Fannie Briggs, last week.

Mrs. Sarah York of Norway visited at her brother's, George Briggs, Saturday and Sunday.

## GROVER HILL.

"The mountains that unfold  
In their wide sweep the colored landscape round,  
Seem groups of giant kings in purple and gold,  
That guard the enchanted ground."

BRYANT.

The threshers were here last week.

Geo. Bennett and Bion Brown are at the Lakes this week.

Miss Marion Bennett is teaching at Greenwood City.

Supt. G. W. Richardson of Greenwood was in town last week.

Chas. Abbott, wife and baby visited at Freeland Bennett's, Sunday.

E. R. Whitman and child of Worcester, Mass., are staying at A. L. Whitman's for the present.

Thomas Hutchins is anticipating a visit from his son Thomas of Boston, in the near future.

Alta Vera Whitman of Worcester is attending school here, as is also Clyde Walker; Miss Richardson now registers 18 pupils.

Gwendolyn Stearns was the guest of her teacher, Miss Ethel Richardson, Wednesday night of last week.

## HANOVER.

Born Sept. 30, to the wife of John Poland, a son.

Mrs. Angie Stearns is staying with relatives in town for some weeks.

Gene Twitchell and son have returned from Portland where they have been visiting friends.

Charles and Bobby Hayford are doing the harvesting and going to school, while their father is away.

Mrs. George Hodgdon and daughter Annie from Rumford, visited friends in town the past week.

## WILSON'S MILLS.

J. O. Tenney was in town Friday.

Benjamin Brooks of Lewiston is visiting relatives in town.

There was a boot and shoe dealer in town Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. B. Garfield is spending his annual vacation in town.

N. K. Bennett went to Colebrook last week after patent roofing for his new stable.

Fred Taylor has been to Colebrook after his horses which were pastured there.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey and son and daughter, of Brooklyn, N. Y., arrived Monday.

B. C. Garfield was in town taking orders for fruit trees, for Miller & House, Friday.

Rev. F. C. Rand held a meeting in the school house Monday evening.

We are glad to learn that Rev. S. S. York who has been very ill, is somewhat better.

Several from here attended the masquerade ball at the Grange hall Friday night.

Mrs. Robert Sturgis, who is up river, is to meet the King's Daughters Circle at J. W. Clark's next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Blood who have been working at the Azischo House the past year, have gone away.

Quite a party from here visited Mr. Garfield at his camp Wednesday. The guests were served with lemonade and cake. All reported a very pleasant time.

E. S. Bennett went to Errol, N. H., Wednesday. He left his horses standing at Frank Allen's, where they started and ran to a hotel stable. They collided with John Bryant's team, damaging the wagon, and injuring Mr. Bryant somewhat.

The King's Daughters Circle met with Mrs. C. T. Fox Wednesday, enjoying a very pleasant afternoon. Over twenty enjoyed the fine supper provided by the hostess, and also a nice treat of bananas. Mrs. S. S. Bennett was re-elected leader of the Circle for the ensuing year.

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We are selling **English Linoleum Carpet** 4 yards wide at our own imported **50c sq. yd.**

You know how nice it is to have a carpet with a single seam. These carpets are extremely durable as well as handsome.

**SAMPLES FREE ON REQUEST.**

Send us the measure of your room and we will cut the carpet to fit and deliver it at your nearest freight station without additional charge. Write us when in need of anything in the way of house furnishings.

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Cold Soda,

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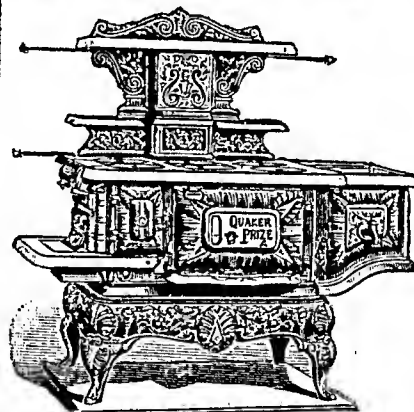
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## Classified Advertisements.

Small Advertisements under the  
 name of Wanted, For Sale, etc., set  
 sold without display.

30 words, 1 week, - 25c  
 3 weeks, - 50c

Extra space pro rata.  
 Average six words a line.

## FOR SALE.

The Kellher house and lot located at the corner of Church and Railroad streets in Bethel Hill Village. To be sold at a bargain. Call or communicate with  
 HERRICK & PARK, Bethel, Me.

## Found.

A small sum of money was picked up on the Gilead road about Sept. 12. The owner can have same by proving property and paying for advertising.  
 C. E. VALENTINE, Bethel, Me.

## Notice.

I hereby give notice that I have a flock of sheep in my barn that have been on my premises during the past summer. The owner can have the same by proving the property and paying expenses.

N. A. STEARNS,  
 Bethel, Me.

## Found.

One watch chain, on Main street in Bethel village. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for advertising. Inquire at T. H. DURELL'S.

## Wanted.

The names of 1000 people who do not take the News. Which one of our subscribers will be the first to send us five.

THE NEWS.

## GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.

TRAINS FROM ISLAND POND TO PORTLAND RUN AS FOLLOWS:

	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Island Pond,	2.05	6.05	1.18
Gorham,	3.51	8.25	2.57
Gilead,	—	8.40	3.15
West Bethel,	—	8.50	3.26
BETHEL,	4.27	9.04	3.33
Locke's Mills,	—	9.13	3.42
Bryant Pond,	4.41	9.21	3.50
South Paris,	5.00	9.53	4.10
Portland,	6.40	1.40	5.45

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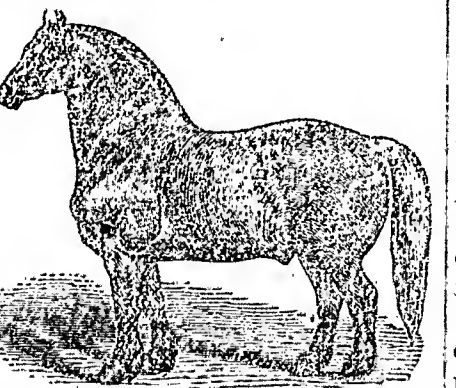
	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.
Portland,	8.30	1.30	8.15
South Paris,	10.18	3.38	9.40
Bryant Pond,	10.48	4.18	10.23
Locke's Mills,	10.55	4.27	10.30
BETHEL,	11.05	4.38	10.39
West Bethel,	11.12	4.46	10.47
Gilead,	11.25	4.50	10.58
Gorham,	11.50	5.38	11.26
Island Pond,	1.50	8.00	1.18

Sunday paper train leaves Portland going west at 8.30 a. m., South Paris 10.10, Bryant Pond 10.51, Locke's Mills 10.59, Bethel 11.10, West Bethel 11.20, Gilead 11.34, Gorham 12.00, arriving in Bethel 12.15.

The train which leaves Island Pond at 2.05 a. m., and the one which leaves Portland at 8.30 p. m., run every day; all others every day except Sunday.

## EXCURSION.

Sunday excursion train leaves Portland at 8.30, arrives at Bethel at 11.30. Returning, leaves Bethel at 5.07 p. m.



I wish to say to the people of Bethel and vicinity that I have opened a Stable at my place in Bethel, and will keep a large stock of horses, weighing from 1000 to 1600 each, constantly on hand. If you need a good horse, come to me and I will please you.

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 Telephone call 54-3.  
 Call and see us. Correspondence solicited.

P. S. I will pay a fair price for some good big work horses.

## Our Young Readers

## The Frog's Good-bye!

"Good-bye, little children, I'm going away,"  
 In my snug little home all winter to stay.  
 I seldom get up, once I'm tucked in my bed,  
 And as it grows colder I cover my head.  
 I sleep very quietly all winter through,  
 And really enjoy it; there's nothing to do.  
 The flies are all gone, so there's nothing to eat,  
 And I take this time to enjoy a good sleep.

My bed is a nice little hole in the ground.  
 Where snug as a bug in winter I'm found.  
 You might think my long fasting would make me grow thin,  
 But no! I stay plump as when I go in.  
 And now, little children, good-bye, one and all,  
 Some warm day next spring I shall give you a call;  
 I'm quite sure to know when to get out of bed,  
 When I feel the warm sun shining down on my head.

## Grandma's Box of Sand.

Harold stood by the window, watching his older brother Guy leave the yard. Over his back, carelessly swinging, was a neatly strapped bundle of books, among them a "Warren Geography"—the delight and admiration of six-year-old Harold.

"Wish I could study g'ography and things like big boys do," and Harold turned to stroke the large coon cat that had jumped into the chair beside him, "studying c-a-t—and that's you, pussy—and one and one, and two and two tables isn't interesting like g'ography is. Studying 'bout hills, and mountains, and rivers and things, is all I'm going to do when I get into the North school.

Grandma couldn't conceal a smile, as she heard Harold's soliloquy through the open door.  
 "Bless his heart! he shall study geography—and this very day, too!" she exclaimed sympathetically, for what grandmother is there who doesn't know exactly how a boy feels—almost as well as he does himself! "I haven't a thing to do after the bread's baked, till dinner time," and dear Grandma Bailey hurried to the sink closet to see if her sand box was full.

"How long 'fore I can study 'bout rivers and things, grandma?" asked Harold soberly, a few minutes later.  
 "Why, let me see! as far as I know, you can to-day. Just wait till I get through my work and what won't we make and learn about—ponds, hills, plains, lakes, right here in the kitchen, too, dear!"

Grandma bustled about with her work, stopping only to take an occasional glance at Harold's perplexed little face.

"Now I'm ready," she exclaimed, opening the closet door.

"But you've no g'ography, grandma, and we can't learn 'bout those things without a book," and Harold, whose faith in his grandmother was almost boundless, couldn't conceal his disappointment.

"Here's my geography," laughed grandma gaily, producing a box nearly full of sand.

"That! That's only sand—there're no pictures and maps to that." "No; but we'll make some," and grandma turned down, right in the middle of the clean floor, nearly two-quarts of the white scouring sand. Then she took from the tank a dipper of clear water.

Grandma worked so deftly, that before Harold could realize what she was doing, there was a perfect outline of his own state before him.

"Oh, grandma, it's Maine," cried Harold in delight.

Grandma nodded, as she worked away with the sand and water, transforming them into mountains and streams.

"There's the largest mountain in Maine," she said, pointing to a conical arrangement of sand, near the north central part of her floor map. And surely, there was Mt. Katahdin just as plain as it was in Guy's geography.

Grandma turned a bit of water into three channels she had formed in the sand, and there was the Androscoggin, Kennebec, and Penobscot rivers flowing down to

the sea—far better than they do in the geography.

And what a profitable time they had, making and studying about geographical formations, and grandma was such an interesting teacher!

"Oh, grandma," exclaimed Harold radiantly, "your rivers and mountains are nicer'n they are in real g'ography, ever and ever so much."

"As nice as water and sand can make them," laughed grandma, "but land, Harold, it's time to be getting dinner!"—Adelbert F. Caldwell in Portland Transcript.

## Out of the Mouths of Babies.

A bright little fellow hearing a guest of the family quote "An honest man's the noblest work of God" came forward, and, looking earnestly at the visitor, said: "Sir, my mother's the noblest work of God, too."

"Are you an old sea dog?" asked four-year-old Bobby of his sailor uncle, whom he had just met for the first time. "Yes, that is what they call me," was the reply. "Well then," continued Bobby, "let me hear you bark."

Small Tommy had the toothache one day and his mother, after examining it, said it was hollow and must be pulled. A few days later the mother complained of a headache. "I guess it's hollow," said Tommy, "You ought to have it pulled."

Johnny, aged 4, was out walking with his father when he observed a man at work with a pruning knife. "What's that man cutting the trees for, papa?" he asked. "He is pruning them," replied the father. "And how soon will the prunes be ripe?" asked Johnny.

A North side clergyman, who was entertaining some friends at his home one evening, chanced to relate rather a marvelous story that he had heard somewhere, when his little five-year-old daughter said: "Now papa, is that really true, or is it just preachin'?"

The teacher of a juvenile Sunday school class was picturing to the minds of her little pupils the beauties of heaven, and concluded by asking: "Now who can tell me what kind of little boys go to heaven?" "I can," answered one small boy. "Very well," said the teacher, "you may tell me."

"Dead ones," was the prompt and unexpected reply.

## A Word to Boys.

Boys, when you go to church, take a seat with your parents and sisters. A back seat may be as comfortable as any, but whisperers, gigglers, light-headed girls and soft-brained boys, always seek that quarter. Don't be afraid of the front seat. Besides, it is so much more homelike to see the family seated together. Our religion is a family religion, and for all members of the family alike.

During the winter of 1897 Mr. James Reed, one of the leading citizens and merchants of Clay, Clay Co., W. Va., struck his leg against a cake of ice in such a manner as to bruise it severely. It became very much swollen and pained him so badly that he could not walk without the aid of crutches. He was treated by physicians, also used several kinds of liniment and two and a half gallons of whiskey in bathing it, but nothing gave any relief until he began using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. This brought about a complete cure in a week's time, and he believes had he not used this remedy his leg would have had to be amputated. Pain Balm is unequalled for sprains, bruises and rheumatism.

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## BRYANT POND.

Arthur Ricker went to Portland Saturday.

The work of labeling in the corn shop began Monday.

Miss Mamie Jackson spent last week with relatives at Locke Mills.

Mrs. Edwin Dodge has been on the sick list.

Mr. Walter Ordway is moving into J. M. Gallison's house.

Dr. Carroll has moved into the upstairs rent in G. A. Whitman's house.

John Littlefield and D. D. Peverly took a trip to Lewiston last week.

Mrs. G. A. Whitman attended the Maine Musical Festival last week.

Miss Jennie Perham was called home last week on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Mrs. Mary Dodge Arkett with her two children, have gone to Bridgton on a visit to her parents.

Mrs. Jennette Bryant was the guest of her daughter in Portland, last week.

## MASON.

Elden Mills returned home from Norway where he has been working several months.

Arthur Tyler visited friends in Harrison and Otisfield Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Maud Atherton, our school teacher, visited her parents at South Waterford Saturday and Sunday.

Warren Kneeland wife and daughter of Waterford visited Addison Bean's family recently.

Ernest Davis and comrade of Harrison are hunting deer at Camp Caribou near Haystack Mountain.

Mrs. Rosie Strickland of Upton visited at S. O. Grover's the past week. Her husband, Mr. Walter Strickland arrived Saturday, and intends to hunt for deer.

Leon Kimball and brother of Albany were at Horace Hutchinson's last Thursday night and gave them a musical treat on the violin and organ.

F. I. Bean raised on forty square rods of ground, 80 bushels of marketable potatoes, and Ervin Hutchinson raised 500 bushels from one and one-half acres, some weighing over two pounds.

## NORTH NORWAY.

Minnie A. Cox has gone to Lynn, Mass.

Asa Flint took a crew of 21 to the North Waterford fair.

Charles Frost is confined to the house with rheumatism.

Mrs. J. A. Ford from Yarmouth is visiting here.

Asa Needham and wife have gone to Ruxbury.

C. A. Frost is doing a job of carpenter work for O. H. W. Judkins.

Mrs. L. A. Carter has gone to Haverhill, Mass., to visit relatives.

Freeman Haskell had a mess of green peas the 20, from a second planting.

Mrs. Elliott from New York who is staying in a log cabin on the shores of Thompson Pond in Otisfield, was here inquiring for old-fashioned dishes for which she pays a large price. She offered \$10 for a blue and white pitcher, but the owner would not accept it. She wanted very much to find some old time pewter dishes.

## BROWNFIELD.

Miss Lucy Spring left last week for a short stay in Portland before returning to her Massachusetts home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob E. Spring of Dedham, Mass., are in town, the guests of his brother, Wm. W. Spring.

Mrs. Wm. C. Rowe left home last Saturday for a three weeks' visit to friends in Peabody and Salem, Mass.

Saturday morning reminded us of the near approach of winter. The thermometer registered below freezing point.

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